**Rising number of educated unemployed youth**

2529. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:
SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of educated unemployed youths in the country is increasing day-by-day;

(b) if so, whether Government have proposed to introduce any employment policy for providing jobs to the unemployed youth in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Number of educated and uneducated youth in the age-group of 15-29 job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, on the live registers of Employment Exchanges in the country as on 31st March for the period 2000,2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 are given below:

| Year | Number of youth (age-group---15-29) job seekers-(in Lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 2000 | 292.19 |
| 2001 | 299.51 |
| 2002 | 291.87 |
| 2003 | 295.07 |
| 2004 | 287.63 |

(b) and (c) The generation of employment was viewed as a part of the process of development and not in conflict with, or to be pursued independently of economic development. Planning process, therefore, made no attempt to have an independent employment policy.

**Upgradation of ITIs**

†2530. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi